

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-24 (canceled).

Claim 25 (currently amended): A composition consisting essentially of:

up to 40 weight percent of ethylene vinyl alcohol copolymer;

dimethylsulfoxide; and

from ~~greater than 40 to 60~~ 40.2 to 53.4 weight percent of tantalum contrast agent having an average particle size of about 5 microns or less;

wherein the ratio of ethylene vinyl alcohol copolymer to the tantalum contrast agent is ~~0.07 or greater~~ from 0.077 to 0.995 and the weight percent of each component is based on the total weight of the composition; and

further wherein said composition has a viscosity of 150 cSt or higher at 40°C.

Claim 26 (currently amended): The composition according to Claim ~~24~~ 25, wherein the tantalum contrast agent is employed at a concentration of from ~~greater than 40 to 55~~ 41.7 to 50.4 weight percent, based on the total weight of the composition.

Claim 27 (currently amended): The composition according to Claim ~~24~~ 25, wherein the tantalum contrast agent is employed at a concentration of from 45 to 50 weight percent, based on the total weight of the composition.

Claim 28 (currently amended): The composition according to Claim ~~24~~ 25, wherein the average particle size of the tantalum contrast agent is from 2 microns to 3 microns.

Claim 29 (currently amended): The composition according to Claim ~~24~~ 25, wherein the concentration of dimethylsulfoxide is from 20 weight percent to less than 58 weight percent, based on the total weight of the composition.

Claim 30 (canceled):